(e) and (f) These drugs are allowed for import under OGL to avoid any short supply of these life saving drugs.

Import of Drugs under OGL

2537. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drugs are allowed for import under OGL, which are indigenously produced and exported;

(b) if so, what are the names of those drugs;

(c) what was the quantity of each of the above drugs imported during the last two years, year-wise;

(d) what was the export of each drug during the same period; and

(e) what are the basis to allow import of such drugs and what is Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a), (b) and (e) Major drugs which are indigenously produced and also exported to a limited extent are given below:—

1. Cephalexin
2. Chloropheniramine Maleate
3. Danazole
4. Pyrantel pamoate
5. Norfloxacin
6. Ranitidine Hcl.

These drugs are also allowed for import under OGL to avoid any short supply of these life saving drugs.

(c) and (d) Particulars of imports and exports are published in the 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' Volume I & II, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. Latest issue of the publication pertains to 1985-86.

Import of Vincrestine and Vinblestine Injections

2538. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vincrestine and Vinblestine Injections are allowed for import under OGL;

(b) if so, the quantity of each of the above, imported during the last two years, yearwise along with the names of importers and CIF price of each Injection;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these products are formulations of the drugs being exported from India;

(d) whether it is also a fact that these Injections are produced in the country;

(e) if so, what are the reasons for keeping these medicines on OGL list of import policy; and

(f) by when this policy will be reviewed and changes made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Import of Vincrestine Sulphate Injection and Vinblestine Sulphate Injection is allowed under OGL.

(b) Particulars of imports are published in the 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India', Volume I & II, copies of which are available in the Parliament library. Statistics regarding c.i.f. import price are not maintained.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir.

(e) and (f) The Import Policy for a drug is determined keeping in view all relevant factors, including its domestic demand, indigenous production on import of these drugs could be considered after the country has attained self-sufficiency in these drugs.